

BAER is running very smoothly across the region this year! Currently we are looking at having 10 teams within the region this fall and all are anticipated to be complete by mid-October. Assessments and treatments are still looking to be reasonable with the Taylor Creek and Klondike Fires likely the only request(s) that might reach WO approval levels (if my crystal ball is accurate).

Several of the smaller files have been assessed locally. There are 7 no emergency treatment reports that have been received or pending:

- Cemetery (Ochoco)
- Timber Crater 6 (Fremont-Winema)
- Milepost 6 (Ochoco)
- Boyds (Colville)
- Horns Mountain (Colville)
- Teepee (Deschutes)
- Hendrix (Rogue River-Siskiyou)

Teams are currently working on the assessments for the Cougar Creek Fire on the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF and the Miles/Columbus/Snow Shoe fires on the Umpqua. These teams are a mix of local, regional and out of region folks. Everything is going well and no unusual treatments requests are anticipated. Primary treatments are expected to include road and trail drainage treatments, invasive species early detection-rapid response, and warning and hazard signs. Both teams are anticipating closing out with Forest Leadership and submitting requests at the end of next week.

Teams for the Miriam Fire on the Okanogan-Wenatchee and Watson Fire on the Fremont-Winema will kick off tomorrow with anticipated close-outs with Forest Leadership by Sept. 24th.

Additional start dates for teams within the region are:

- 9/20 – Natchez, Rogue River-Siskiyou, joint with R5
- 9/25 - Crescent Mountain/McLeod, Okanogan-Wenatchee
- 9/27 – Taylor Creek/Klondike, Rogue River- Siskiyou
- 10/9 – Terwilliger, Willamette

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